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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Action dated June 11, 2003, applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group II, claims 9-14, without traverse. Applicants authorize the Examiner to cancel the nonelected claims upon the indication of allowable subject matter.

Early action allowing claims 9-14 is solicited.

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